

### REMARKS

At the outset, the Applicant wishes to thank Patent Examiner Justin Fischer for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the Personal Interview on September 1, 2004, at the U.S.P.T.O. The substance of this Personal Interview is set forth in the Examiner Interview Summary, and in this Amendment.

The amendments to this Patent Application are as follows. Elected claim 10 has been amended to recite the apparatus combination of claims 10, 11, 15 and 17. Therefore, claims 11, 15 and 17 are being cancelled because they were combined with independent apparatus claim 10. Claims 12, 13, 14 and 16 were amended such that these claims now depend from independent claim 10, rather than from cancelled claim 11.

Also, minor revisions were made to non-elected claim 1 to correct typographical errors in which commas were added in the appropriate locations. In addition, non-elected claim 6 was amended in order to change the comma to a period where the appropriate decimal point was required.

In the Examiner Interview Summary, the Patent Examiner stated that the formal rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been overcome.

This is because the combination of claims 10, 11, 15 and 17 provides the proper antecedent basis for all of the claimed terminology recited by claim 17.

The Examiner Interview Summary also states that the issue regarding the IDS has been resolved. This is due to the fact that the document titled "Vliesstoffe" is discussed in the present Specification on pages 3, 4 and 7.

The Applicant comments upon the prior art rejections of the claims, over various combinations of references, as follows.

Claims 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Frosch U.S. Patent No. 4,858,276* in view of *Coates U.S. Patent No. 3,523,059*. Claims 11-15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Frosch* and *Coates* as applied to claim 10 above and further in view of either one of *Grieves U.S. Patent No. 3,879,820*, *Thomas U.S. Patent No. 4,170,676*, or *Bacchio U.S. Patent No. 5,623,748*.

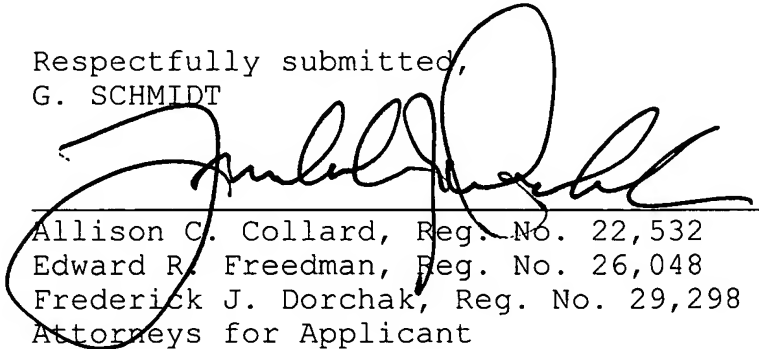
Each of these above mentioned, five prior art references were discussed during the Personal Interview. It was respectfully pointed out that the web redirecting device 50 in the embodiment shown in FIG. 6 makes the claimed apparatus a novel structure that

is also nonobvious over all of these prior art references. That is the claimed structural arrangement of the web redirecting rods 54 and 55, the turning rolls 52 and 52' and the guiding belt 51 create a compact construction that is unique to the present invention. The Examiner Interview Summary indicated that the specific structure of FIG. 6 appears to distinguish over the prior art of record.

In summary, the amendment to claim 10 to recite the features of claims 11, 15 and 17 specifies the structure of FIG. 6, such that all the elected claims are believed to be patentable over all the prior art applied by the Patent Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

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